

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 2005

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:01 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: None; The Office of the County Counsel: Joyce Aiello, Sheilah Curtis, Johanna Fontenot, Owen Gallagher, and Millicent Rolon; Department of Public Works: Allen Abramson; Department of Parks and Recreation: Jeff Tend; Office of Affirmative Action Compliance: Carmelita Brown

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:01 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 10:17 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

a. Claim of Xiang Li

This claim seeks compensation for damages caused by a damaged storm drain.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$57,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

b. Meronica Franklin v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 324 567

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation was subjected to sexual harassment.

**The Claims Board continued this matter to the next regular meeting.**

c. Woodrow Cox v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 305 717

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to discrimination and harassment based on physical disability and age.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- d. Jose Castro v. County of Los Angeles  
Long Beach Superior Court Case No. NC 034 931

This lawsuit concerns allegations of legal malpractice by the Los Angeles County Public Defender.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$42,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. People of the State of New York by Eliot Sptizer, Attorney General of New York v. Aon Corporation and Related Actions  
Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County  
Index No. 05-400726

This class action lawsuit concerns the improper payment of contingent commissions to insurance carriers.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter to accept payment in the amount of \$23,713.12 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield abstained.**

- f. Veronica Oliveros, Jesus Oliveros v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 013 770

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,500,000, plus assumption of the medical lien not to exceed \$155,334, plus waiver of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's bill in the amount of \$66,426 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum**

**The vote of the Claims board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- g. Lizbeth Quintero, a minor, by and through her Guardian Ad Litem, Cecilia Herrera, Cecilia Herrera and Jose Quintero v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 033 989

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from injuries sustained during the birth of a patient at Olive View/UCLA Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,600,000, plus assumption of the medi-cal lien not to exceed \$58,725.23 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum**

**The vote of the Claims board was unanimous with all members present.**

- h. Jereatha J. Thomas v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 017 979

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the death of a patient following her transfer from King/Drew Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$195,000, plus assumption of the medi-cal lien not to exceed \$2,390 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum**

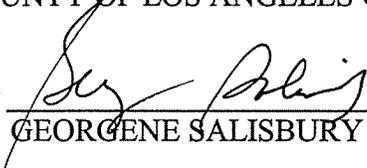
**The vote of the Claims board was unanimous with all members present.**

Minutes for the August 1, 2005 and September 19, 2005 Claims Board meetings were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on November 7, 2005.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

October 25, 2005

This special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: John Coleman; The Office of the County Counsel: Sheilah Curtis, Syna Dennis, Tighe Hudson, David Kelsey, Elizabeth Miller, and Mary Wickham; Department of Parks and Recreation: John Wicker; Office of Affirmative Action Compliance: Hayward Harris, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:01 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 10:01 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

- a. Sheronda Roquemore v. Alejandro R. Victor, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. YC 049 358

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received in a pedestrian/vehicle accident due to traffic signal operations.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous.**

- b. Paul Leung Ho, et al. v. City of Rancho Palos Verdes, et al.  
Torrance Superior Court Case No. YC 046 031

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident due to traffic signal operations.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous.**

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- c. Meronica Franklin v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 324 567

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation was subjected to sexual harassment.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. Tricia Taylor v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 319 635

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to sexual harassment and retaliation.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$183,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on November 7, 2005.

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